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AIDAC: FOR DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: VOLCANO DISASTER RELIEF:

PUMPS AND PIPES

REF: (A) BEAUCHAMP- AMBASSADOR TELECON YESTERDAY;

(B) REYKJAVIK 0284

1. PER YOUR INSTRUCTIONS I ADVISED MFA SECGEN YESTERDAY REGARDING REQUIRED COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING NECESSITY EITHER TO HAVE FUNDS DEPOSITED WITH EMBASSY OR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF COMMITMENT BEFORE USG CAN INITIATE ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN REF (B). SECGEN TELEPHONE ME TODAY SAYING FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BEFORE END OF DAY AND WANTED VERIFICATION THAT FIRST PLANELOAD CAN BE EN ROUTE WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER DEPT RECEIVES NOTIFICATION. I GAVE HIM THAT ASSURANCE. HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER MFA COMMITMENT FOR GOI COULD BE ORAL IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME OR WILL WE INSIST ON FIRST RECEIVING THE LETTER OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BEFORE WE INITIATE THE ASSISTANCE.

2. FYI, SECGEN SAID GOI MAKING ONE MORE EFFORT THIS MORNING TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT FROM SCANDINAVIA. SPEED OF EQUIPMENT ARRIVAL WILL BE DETERMINING FACTOR BECAUSE DURING NIGHT LAVA MOVEMENT HAS QUICKENED. HE ALSO TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT FROM
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POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW GOI WOULD PREFER OBTAINING EQUIPMENT FROM SCANDINAVIA BECAUSE AID FROM USG CAUSING TENSION WITHIN

CABINET BETWEEN PRO- IDF AND ANTI- IDF ELEMENTS. CONTINUED
ASSISTANCE FROM USG IS BUILDING PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE
ANTI- IDF ELEMENTS AND FOR SAKE OF HARMONY IN CABINET THEY PRE-
FER LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR EQUIPMENT UNLESS HAVE NO CHOICE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM ANSWER TO QUESTION
WHETHER WE CAN PROCEED ON AN ORAL AS AGAINST DELIVERED LETTER
OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT.

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